

ALBANY COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Albany county lies at the foot of the Adirondacks and at the tip of the Hudson River Valley Region. In 1998, there were 60,600 acres in farms, 18 percent of the county's total 335,360 acres. There were 470 farms in the county averaging 129 acres per farm. Albany county ranks 44th in the state for number of farms and 46th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$15.8 million. Total sales averaged \$39,823 per farm. The leading products sold were: cattle and calves, nursery and greenhouse products, dairy products, vegetables, and hay and silage.

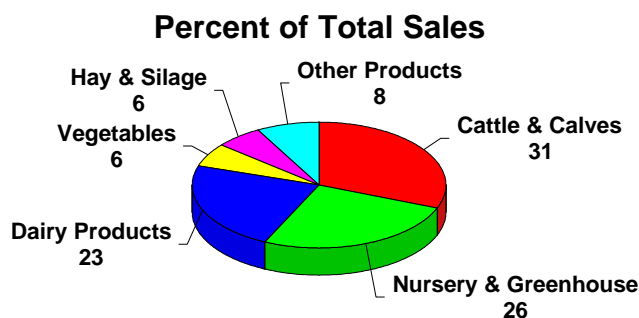
The average value of land and buildings per farm was \$235,570. Machinery and equipment was valued at \$39,704 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$11.5 million for an average of \$28,898 per farm. The Census showed 46 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 54.8 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$27,438.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Cattle & Calves	4,937	31	15
Nursery & Greenhouse	4,030	26	14
Dairy Products	3,703	23	47
Vegetables	929	6	28
Hay & Silage	909	6	40
Other Products	1,262	8	
TOTAL SALES	15,770		45

1997 Census of Agriculture

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	2,177	206,036	5/	5/	33,362	5/
1950	1,453	160,858	99,456	20,573	30,175	10,654
1959	964	136,013	77,266	21,065	26,169	11,513
1969	574	86,156	49,140	5/	18,578	5/
1978	509	82,975	49,568	6,174	20,428	6,805
1982	510	82,788	50,082	7,007	18,742	6,957
1987	510	70,100	42,500	6,100	15,500	6,000
1992	460	63,700	38,500	5,200	15,200	4,800
1993	465	62,900	38,000	5,000	14,800	5,100
1994	470	61,400	37,500	5,100	13,800	5,000
1995	465	61,500	37,700	5,400	13,300	5,100
1996	470	60,700	38,200	5,600	12,600	4,300
1997	475	61,000	37,900	5,900	12,100	5,100
1998	470	60,600	38,000	5,800	11,800	5,000

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	226	222
\$10,000 to \$49,999	102	116
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31	28
\$100,000 or more	32	30
Farms Reporting	391	396
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

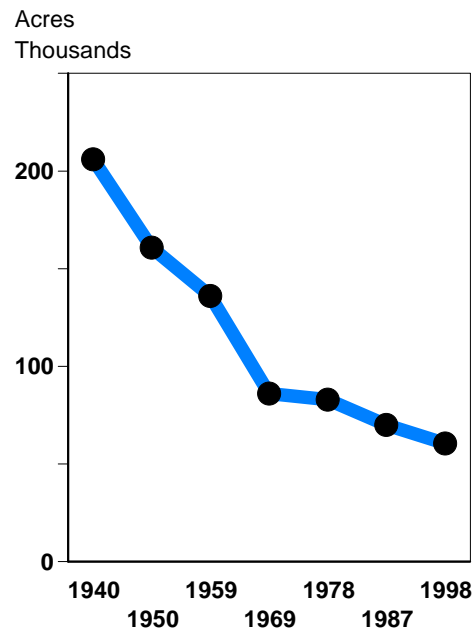
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 13th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	221,300	422
1950	239,400	457
1960	272,900	521
1970	286,760	547
1980	285,900	546
1990	292,600	559
1998	292,586	559

U.S. Census of Population

Land in Farms



CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	16,919	1/	1/
1950	16,640	382	9,552
1959	16,497	743	9,270
1969	11,120	1,229	4,844
1978	12,000	1,500	4,100
1982	11,000	1,400	3,700
1987	11,500	1,400	2,900
1992	10,000	1,200	1,700
1993	10,000	1,600	2,100
1994	10,000	1,700	1,700
1995	9,000	1,400	1,500
1996	9,300	1,600	2,000
1997	9,000	1,700	1,700
1998	9,000	1,700	1,700

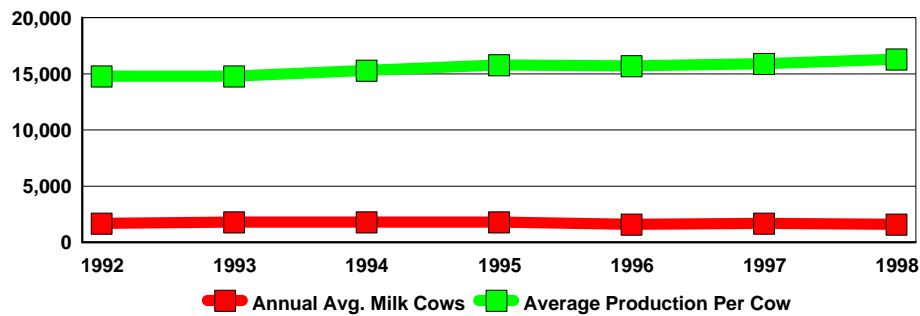
1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head Pounds Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	3,800	10,200	38.8
1982	3,700	11,200	41.4
1987	2,700	13,000	35.1
1992	1,700	14,800	25.2
1993	1,800	14,800	26.6
1994	1,800	15,300	27.5
1995	1,800	15,800	28.4
1996	1,600	15,700	25.1
1997	1,700	15,900	27.0
1998	1,600	16,300	26.1

1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,**

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
595	38	\$188,000	23

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	7,195	1,867	26.8	50,094	1/	1/	1/
1950	4,899	968	43.7	42,303	3,618	6.8	24,494
1959	4,646	1,714	47.6	81,525	2,856	9.5	27,031
1969	3,867	1,086	94.6	102,738	2,781	1/	1/
1978	7,700	3,000	80.0	240,000	4,500	13.0	58,500
1982	9,200	4,400	81.0	356,400	4,700	11.2	52,600
1987	6,500	2,700	84.0	226,800	3,000	12.5	37,500
1992	6,000	1,600	88.0	140,800	4,100	10.1	41,400
1993	5,000	1,300	95.0	123,500	3,700	12.9	47,700
1994	5,000	1,400	113.0	158,400	3,600	14.4	51,800
1995	4,600	1,400	113.0	158,400	3,200	14.0	44,700
1996	4,100	1,300	111.0	144,100	2,700	15.5	41,800
1997	4,200	1,200	110.0	132,000	3,000	13.2	39,600
1998	4,200	1,200	111.0	133,300	3,000	14.5	43,500

1940 - 1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	3,326	1.5	5,031	42,691	0.9	39,844	46,017	1.0	44,875
1950	4,069	1.7	6,866	31,458	1.2	36,687	35,527	1.2	43,573
1959	7,667	1.7	13,153	29,190	1.1	32,021	36,857	1.2	45,174
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	21,106	1.9	40,782
1978	7,600	2.6	19,800	20,100	1.6	32,200	27,700	1.9	52,000
1982	8,900	2.1	18,700	19,300	1.7	32,800	28,200	1.8	51,500
1987	7,500	2.7	20,600	17,000	1.9	31,800	24,500	2.1	52,400
1992	9,100	2.4	22,000	10,600	1.7	17,700	19,700	2.0	39,700
1993	10,000	2.3	23,300	13,300	1.5	20,300	23,300	1.9	43,600
1994	8,800	2.8	24,800	13,200	1.7	22,900	22,000	2.2	47,700
1995	8,600	2.6	22,400	12,400	1.6	19,600	21,000	2.0	42,000
1996	8,100	2.5	20,300	11,100	1.8	19,700	19,200	2.1	40,000
1997	7,700	2.0	15,300	12,200	1.6	19,300	19,900	1.7	34,600
1998	7,200	1.9	13,500	11,000	1.6	17,700	18,200	1.7	31,200

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available